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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINER GROUP 1756

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: J. S. Ruggles
Ryo KURODA et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1756
Application No.: 10/648,317	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3665
Filed: August 27, 2003	)	
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For: NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD	)	
EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCLUDING THE	:	July 18, 2006
PHOTOMASK (As Amended)	)	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116: